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In re Kazunori MUTA et al.

Examiner: Isis Ghali

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 are submitted for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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- () A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is enclosed herewith.
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- () Attached is a check in the amount of \$180.00.
() Charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135, under Order No., in the amount of \$0.00. (A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for that purpose.)

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Respectfully submitted,

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